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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 15th/June, through Sunday, 22nd/June there were 212 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4U1U, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J5, J6, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T5, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V4, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/o, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4U, UNITED NATIONS HQ. Frank/W2IX and Ray/W2RE gave many a real treat and surprise to work **4U1UN** on Sunday morning, **June 22nd**. They were operating SSB and CW. Activity was on 20/17/6 meters as this bulletin was being typed.

7Q7/10JUNE, MALAWI (Good or Not!). It seems this one caused some confusion over a week ago. First reports indicated that this was a PIRATE station. However, this is NOT the case. According to Leo, CT1CSN, activity was by Vasco, **7Q7CT**, who has a Malawian official document granting the use of the callsign, **7Q7/10JUNE**, to be used as a special event. **June**

10th was **Portugal's Day** and is commemorated by the various Portuguese communities around the world. So those who worked Vasco with the callsign 7Q7/10JUNE made a legitimate contact. QSL Manager is ZS6AMX.

9A, CROATIA. THIS IS JUST A REMINDER! Operators Kresimir/9A7K, Phil/F5OGG and Branko/9A6BND will activate several islands and lighthouses over the next week **until June 30th**. Activity began over the past weekend. Watch around 14260 kHz. Remember to QSL via operator's home callsign, except Phil/F5OGG (QSL via LX1NO). LAST MINUTE UPDATE: Look for the 9A0LH team to be active from **Palagruza (EU-090 and WLH-0057)** early Monday morning, **June 23rd**.

CT3, MADEIRA ISLANDS. Francisco, CT1EAT, informs OPDX that he will be active as **CT3/CT1EAT** on a DX holiday, from **Porto Santo Island (AF-014)** starting on the **July 24th**, ending on the **30th**. The radio operation will take place mainly on the AO-40 satellite, but also on HF (from 20-10m), on SSB and RTTY modes. He will be an entry in the **IOTA Contest** as **CT9T** as a Single Operator/Low Power, SSB only. QSL via CT bureau, or direct to his home callsign via CBA address: P.O. Box 172, 7801-902 Beja, Portugal. For more information, please visit his home page at: <http://www.qsl.net/ct1eat/>

FH, MAYOTTE. Martial, F5SIE, will be active as **FH/F5SIE**, from Mayotte Island (IOTA **AF-027** and DIFO FH001) between **July 1-15th**. This will be a CW only operation with activity on 40/17/15 meters with a TS-50 and wire antennas. QSL (PLEASE) via the French REF bureau.

HP, PANAMA (Special Event). Members of the Panama Radio Club invite all amateur radio stations in the world to make a contact with special event station **HP100RCP** to commemorate the **100th anniversary of the Republic of Panama**. Activity will take place **November 1-3rd** on all bands on modes CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31. A special commemorate QSL can be obtained by sending your QSL plus 2 IRC or one USD to: Radio Club de Panama, P.O. Box 10745, Panama 4, Panama. You can view the special event station at HP100RCP and the QSL card on PRC's Web sites at: <http://www.radioclubdepanama.org> <http://www.qsl.net/hp1rcp/>

IOTA CONTEST (Attention Island-hopper and Island-chaser!). Ric, DL2VFR, informs OPDX that already 42 stations have announced their participation in the **2003 IOTA Contest** and have been listed now on the following Web page at: <http://www.iota-post.com> Ric states, "This is useful if you are looking for a QTH or if you are looking to see who will be QRV ?" Everybody is invited to send his/her island QTH report to: info@iota-post.com In the last years he has had more than 130 reports. Deadline for reports are the 24th of July. After that date Ric is heading to **EU-129** where he is participating with the team of **DL0KWH** from **Usedom Island**.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-019.** Paolo, IZ8FDH (member of "VESUVIO DX TEAM") will be active from **Favignana Island (IIA TP-011)** as **IF9/IZ8FDH**, from **June 29th to July 6th**. Activity will be on HF and 6 meters. QSL to IZ8FDH via the bureau or direct to the address: Paolo Capobianco, Via Enrico Cocchia n. 26, 80124 Napoli-Italy.
- **AS-080.** If you were lucky this past weekend to work **6K2BYF/3** it was from **Anmyun Island**. Choi, HL5FUA, states activity is expected to last **until June 23rd** on 40-10

meters including the WARC bands. QSL via 6K2BYF.

- **EU-008.** John, GM0VIV, will be active as **GM0VIV/p** from the following **Inner Hebrides Islands Group** between **June 23-25th** as follows: Monday evening, **June 23rd**, from **Mull** (IOSA NH-15, SCOTIA CN10); Tuesday morning, **June 24th** 0900z from **Gometra** (IOSA NH-28, SCOTIA CN-06); Tuesday afternoon, **June 24th**, from **Ulva** (IOSA NH-18, SCOTIA CN-05); and Wednesday morning, **June 25th** 1000z from **Iona** (IOSA NH-16, SCOTIA CN-01). He will be on **Mull** overnight **Monday, Tuesday** and **Wednesday** nights. QSL via home callsign, CBA.
- **EU-101.** Hans, OH6MY, will be active as **OH6MY/p** from his summer QTH at **Anterskar (Lapporarna Island -- WW Loc. KP03OI)** between **July 7th to August 3rd**. He will be using a IC-706 at low power on a car battery with a G5RV antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct or via the bureau.
- **EU-184.** A group of Finnish operators will be active from **Hailuoto Island** and **Marjaniemi Lighthouse** as **OH6AW/8** between **June 27th and July 1st**. Operations will be on HF, 6 meters and 2 meters. Operators will be OH6HJE, OH6NJ, OH6UV and OH6XX. QSL via OH6AD.
- **SA-040.** Operators Pablo/HK8RQS, Victor/HK8JEH and Albaro/HK8HIX will be active from **Morro Island, October 11-14th**.
- **SA-063.** Ramon, YV5EED, Events Coordinator for ARV Caracas and Grupo DX Caracas, informs OPDX that the Association of Radioamateurs of Venezuela and the Grupo DX Caracas has activated Remediadora Island instead of La Cotorra Island to celebrate the **65th Anniversary of the Venezuelan National Guard Day 2003**, from **June 20-24th**. They will operate on HF from 160-10 meters, including 6 meters on SSB and CW. QSL via W4SO (mail drop). Cards will be verified and mailed from Venezuela.
- **OC-241.** CHANGE IN PLANS! The multi-team active from **Rote Island** were expected to use the callsign 8A9R, but they used another callsign instead, **YE9R**. They will be active **until June 25th**. QSL via YC9BU.

KH2, GUAM. Yoshiro, N1VF, plans to be signing **N1VF/KH2** from Guam Islands (**OC-026**), **November 21-24th**. No details on bands/modes of activity were provided. QSL to his home call: Yoshiro Nishimura, c/o David Manela, 2248 Mountain Ridge Rd., Chula Vista CA 91914 USA.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY.....

- Members of the Georgian Bay ARC will be back at **Flower Pot Island** on **August 2nd, 3rd and 4th**. They will be transmitting on 20, 40 and 80 meters. Flower Pot Island is in the Great Lakes in Georgian Bay. The Lighthouse reference number is WLH 0763 and is wanted by 70% of the lighthouse chasers.
- Mike, GM4SUC, sends the following reminder: "Well it doesn't seem nearly a year has passed since the last **International Lighthouse/ Lightship Weekend** when over 385 stations were active at lighthouses and lightships throughout the world. This year the event will be from 0001z on Saturday, **August 16th** until 2359z on Sunday, **August 17th**, 2003. Full details of the rules and an entry form can be found at: <http://lighthouses.net.au/illw/index.html> A list of stations that have already confirmed their participation can be found at: <http://lighthouses.net.au/illw/2003.htm> So come and join us in the fun of the weekend, listen out for the QRP, newly licensed and other lighthouses/lightships, and give them a call."

NEW DX WEB PAGE. Marek, DH9SB, reports he has a new Web site which contains a weekly overview of DXpeditions/Special Event Stations operating in the current week. He provides two URL addresses: <http://www.dx-info.de/> or <http://www.dx-info.com/>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Operators **CT1GFK/P**, **CT1GPQ/P** and **CT2IHP/P** were active from Culatra Island (IOTA EU-145, DIP AL-01 for the Portuguese Islands Award) during the past weekend. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or bureau.
- Gordon, KU4EC, informs OPDX that his 2002 **KG4EC** Guantanamo Bay logs are now available on-line at: <http://www.qsl.net/n8ch/gitmo02.htm> He states, "For those who want to check if they are in the log or not, sorry for the delay getting these posted."
- **QSL UPDATE FOR TI/AI5P.** Rick, AI5P, reports that QSLs arrived June 16th from the printer. He expects to have all direct cards received answered in about 10 days or so. He thanks you for your patience.
- Silvano, I2YSB, QSL Manager of **TX4PG**, reports to OPDX that all direct requests for TX4PG QSLs have been sent out.
- **ANYONE NEED A QSL MANAGER?** Gert, K5WW, writes to OPDX and states: "I am offering my services as QSL manager to the DX community. Anyone who makes a lot of QSOs and doesn't have enough time to handle his/her own QSL, has no local QSL bureau or just wants to spend more time on the radio instead of QSL'ing can contact me. I have several years of experience handling the incoming and outgoing QSL for the members of two large clubs and their contest stations. I'm a member of The QSL Managers' Society. I accept paper and/or electronic logs. If you don't already have it a webpage with information about your station and a logbook search will be created. All requests are welcome at: k5ww@arrl.net I'd appreciate it if you could find a couple of lines in the next edition of your magazine to publish this. I recently moved and now live in a 'no antennas welcome' neighborhood. So my own DX activities have to be postponed, and I have plenty of time to help other DX'ers with their QSL."
- Claudio, IV3OWC (aka-ST2CF and 9E1C), informs us that his **ST2CF** QSLs have arrived, and he has begun to confirm direct cards. Also, QSLs for his **9E1C** operation have all been sent out.
- **XW2A QSL PROBLEMS.** Hiro, XW2A, reports he has a big problem with the postal system. So, please do not send U.S. dollars, only IRC's!!! He states over 95% of mail with green stamps are stolen. His address is: PO Box 10003, Mail Service Office, Vientiane, Laos.

RUSSIAN MOUNTAIN DXPEDITION. A group of Russian amateurs are going on a mountain DXpedition in **Carachayevo-Cherkessya Republic**, Russia, from **June 25-29th**. The exact location is **Gidam-Bashi Mountain** (2410m), Aksaut Canyon, Main Caucasus Range. Reference numbers are: QTH-locator is LN03PO, R-03-03 for Russian Mountain Award, and KC-04 for Russian Districts Award. The members of the DXpedition are: **RA6ED/P**, **UA6ECU/P**, **UA6EM/P**, **UA6EDQ/P**, **RA6EAG/P**, **UA6EZ/P**, **UA6EDU/P**, **RZ6HGG/P**, **RW6HKF/P**, **RN6FJ/P** and **RV6HJD/P**. They plan to be active on 80-15 meters SSB/CW and 144/430 FM. QSL are 100% via the bureau and direct.

S7, SEYCHELLES (Update to OPDX.613). John Warburton, G4IRN, will be active from here **September 13-16th** and **23-27th**. This past week John received his licence for The Seychelles. His callsign will be **S79IRN**.

SPACE DX NEWS ACTIVITY.....

- Look for **GB1WIS** (first Woman In Space) to be active on the LEO (Low Earth Orbiting) satellittess UO14, FO29, AO7 and possibly AO40 **up to June 30th**. Activity periods will be posted on the AMSAT NA BB at regular intervals.
- Next weekend is the ARRL's Field Day and participants may have a real treat to work the Space Station during the weekend event. The "ARRL Letter" states: "The Expedition 7 crew may be on the air from **NA1SS** during **ARRL Field Day** the weekend of **June 28-29th**. 'We don't know if the crew will be active or not, but give it a try,' said ARISS Mentor Charlie Sufana, AJ9N. Sufana advises 'good operating sense' and recommends that FD operators wait for the crew to finish a previous contact before calling. 'You may be only hearing a station or two, he pointed out, 'but they are hearing hundreds.' Look for the ISS during Field Day during these time slots: Northern and Southeastern U.S., June 28th, 1821-1842 UTC; Southern and Northeastern U.S., June 29th, 1059-1117 UTC; Western U.S., June 29th, 1233-1253 UTC; Northeastern U.S., June 29th, 1723-1744 UTC; and Northwestern and Southern U.S., June 29th, 1859-1920 UTC. ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, notes that Field Day contacts with the ISS crew do not count for satellite QSO bonus points, just contact credit. 'Valid satellite contacts must be Earth-satellite-Earth contacts through a satellite transponder or repeater,' he explained. (See Field Day rule 7.3.7.)"

SPECIAL EVENT. French operators will activate the special callsign **TM5AR** to participate in the celebration of the "**L' Armada Rouen 2003**". Activity will be on 80-2 meters. For the 4th time since 1989, a large group of sail boats (fleet) will gather/head to Rouen, Normandy, France. More than 30 great barques, two/three/or four masted schooners, bricks, ketches and other sea clippers from all over the whole world will stay and parade on the River Seine from June 28th to July 6th. The last Armada was in 1999, where more than 10 millions people enjoyed the visit from the ships. More are expected this year. QSL via instructions for direct cards or via the French REF Bureau.

SV5, DODECANESE. Bert, PA1KW, informs OPDX that he will be active during the **IOTA Contest** in July from **Kos Island (EU-001)** as **SV5/PA1KW**. He also mentions that he will be active before and after the contest. QSL via his home callsign, bureau or direct (SASE).

T2, TUVALU. Mike/**T21MY** and Jan/**T2YL** continue to be active until about **June 26th**. Mike was heard this past week on 80/30/15/12/10 meters CW at various times. Jan was heard on 20/17/15 meters SSB. QSL Manager George, OM2SA, reports that he has received the first set of logs about two weeks ago and the first batch of direct QSLs (500) are in the mail. He is working on them everyday and requests everyone to please be patient.

T5, SOMALIA. Baldur, DJ6SI, has once again surprised everyone and showed up as **T5X** on **June 16th**. The length of his stay is not known. He has been very active on 17 meters CW as well as 80/40/30/20/15 meters. QSL via DJ6SI.

V31, BELIZE. Wayne/N5WD and his wife Pamela/KB5UAE are planning to be active as **V31WD** and **V31UA**, respectively, from Placencia (EK56), **July 15-21st**. Wayne will be concentrating on 6 meters during the **CQWW VHF Contest** weekend. However, he will be on 80-6 meters at other times during the week and can do PSK31/SSB/CW. He tells OPDX, "Maybe next trip we'll add WSJT". QSLs to N5WD, callbook address or via the W5 bureau.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Mike Foster is now operating as **VP2V/7Q7FM** until he gets his own British Virgin callsign. His activity is mostly on 20 meters until he gets his antennas sorted out. Watch around 14200 kHz. QSL "ONLY DIRECT" via Allen, G0IAS. Allen states, "PLEASE add a bit to the return postage....sorry, my pockets are only so deep...and NO return postage no card."

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Gary/K4UU and Bud/K4ISV are now active from **North Caicos** until **June 25th**. Their callsign are **homecalls/VP5**. Gary was heard over the past weekend on/around 14184 kHz after 0100z. Bud was heard on 80 meters SSB (3793 and 3796 kHz) after 1000z and again at 0130z. QSLs for K4UU/VP5 go to his home callsign. No QSL details were provided for Bud's activity.

VP8, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Look for LZ2UU to be active as **VP8/LZ2UU** during the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th)** as a Single-Op/ All Band/Low Power entry. Activity will be from LZ0A, the Bulgarian Antarctic Base on Livingston Island, South Shetland. QSL via LZ2UU.

YI, IRAQ. Steve, OM3JW, reports that his son Mike, OM2DX, will be going back to **Baghdad** on **June 25th**. Mike's activity will be limited to a few weeks because Slovak Embassy in Baghdad was totally destroyed. His power amplifier was lost and antenna systems (log-periodic yagi for 20-10m, vertical HF6 and wire dipoles on low bands) were destroyed. Mike expects to operate as **YI1BGD** from the club station. However, he believe that he will receive his personal callsign very soon. He will also look for YI1BGD documents (licence that was issue in 1978) and will send his copy to ARRL. The reason for this is that some people are now having their YI1BGD QSLs rejected for DXCC (Mike's activity). For more info and updates, go to the following Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/om2dx/>

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